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## Dodd Ignores Article On His Campaign Fund

NEW YORK (AP) — An aide to Sen. Thomas J. Dodd says the Connecticut Democrat sees no reason to reply to an article contending that a Senate investigating committee has evidence that \$350,000 in campaign funds he collected over a three-year period went for other purposes.

The aide said yesterday there would be no response to the charge in the current issue of Newsweek magazine that Dodd took in \$500,000 in campaign funds from November 1961 to March 1965 and spent only \$150,000 of it for actual campaigning.

The aide suggested that Dodd thought of the money raised at testimonial dinners not so much as "campaign contributions," but more as "personal gifts."

The figures, according to Newsweek, came from records in Dodd's own files, which were removed by former members of the senator's staff and handed over to the Committee on Standards and Conduct.

There was evidence, the magazine said, that Dodd paid \$8,500 he owed a ghost writer, a \$3,500 air travel account and liquor bills at the Congressional Country Club with campaign contributions.

Newsweek said the committee had additional evidence that Dodd paid about \$59,500 in personal notes to banks and individuals during the period while he reported his earnings dropped from about \$60,000 to about \$35,000.

Matt Moriarty of Manchester, Conn., a former aide to the senator, said he could not think of any three-year period in which Dodd took in \$500,000 in contributions.